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IEA GOVERNING BOARD CHAIRMAN DAVIGNON HAS ASKED US TO TRANSMIT
THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY GREENWALD:

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR JOE, AS DISCUSSED AT THE LAST GOVERNING
BOARD MEETING, WE HAVE, IN EFFECT, REACHED THE END OF THE
FIRST IMPORTANT STAGE OF THE AGENCY'S WORK WITH THE VIRTUAL
COMPLETION OF THE EMERGENCY OIL SHARING SCHEME AND THE AGREE-
MENT OF THE LONG-TERM CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME IN JANUARY;
MOREOVER, WE HAVE BEEN COORDINATING OUR EFFORTS IN THE CIEC.
THE JULY MEETING HAS INITIATED THE POLICY-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS
ON THE FUTURE DIRECTIONS OF THE IEA IN THE LONG-TERM AREA WHICH
WILL BE CONTINUED AT THE 21ST SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE
GOVERNING BOARD.

AS CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, I HAVE BEEN GIVING
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A GREAT DEAL OF THOUGHT TO THE POLITICAL GUIDANCE AND

POLICY OBJECTIVES WHICH THE GOVERNING BOARD COULD GIVE TO THE AGENCY OVER THE MONTHS AHEAD. I WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON A PURELY PERSONAL BASIS WITH YOU, AND A FEW OTHER COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE LONG EXPERIENCE AND ARE WELL VERSED IN THE ORIGINS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE IEA. IF THE TIMING DOES NOT CAUSE ANY DIFFICULTIES FOR YOU, I WOULD PLAN TO HOLD A SMALL INFORMAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, STARTING AT 10:30 AM AT THE VAL DUCHESSE HERE IN BRUSSELS. LUNCH WILL BE SERVED ON THE PREMISES.

I HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO FIND SOME TIME FREE FROM YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE TO ASSIST IN THIS INFORMAL SESSION. I WOULD ALSO THINK THAT STEVE BOSWORTH AND JOHN HILL WOULD GREATLY ASSIST IN THE RUNNING OF THIS SESSION SHOULD THEIR SCHEDULES PERMIT. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD CONTACT THEM FOR ME.

AS I SEE IT, AS THE EMERGENCY SIDE NEARS COMPLETION, THE TWO MAIN PRIORITY AREAS FOR THE AGENCY'S EFFORTS OVER THE COMING MONTHS ARE THE LONG-TERM SIDE AND RELATIONS WITH THE OIL PRODUCERS AND NON-OIL PRODUCING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE CIEC.

ON THE LONG-TERM SIDE, I THINK WE HAVE REACHED A STAGE WHERE WE MUST "FILL OUT" THE LONG-TERM PROGRAMME. THE EFFORTS WHICH ARE NECESSARY TO MEET OUR ENERGY NEEDS OVER THE DECADES AHEAD SHOULD BE REALISTICALLY ASSESSED; POLICY OBJECTIVES SHOULD BE SET, AND THE NECESSARY POLITICAL ACTION BOTH ON A CO-OPERATIVE FRONT AND AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL IN PARALLEL SHOULD BE EMBARKED UPON IN EARNEST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

ON THE BASIS OF THE ABOVE, I THINK A DISCUSSION ON 8TH SEPTEMBER OF THE FOLLOWING TWO POINTS ON A POLITICAL LEVEL WOULD BE MOST USEFUL:

(I) THE BALANCE WE SHOULD ACHIEVE BETWEEN SOLELY EXCHANGING INFORMATION IN THE COUNTRY REVIEW CONTEXT AND A MORE RIGID APPROACH WHICH MIGHT NOT ALLOW THE DIFFERENT POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND ENERGY SITUATIONS OF INDIVIDUAL IEA MEMBERS TO BE TAKEN FULLY INTO ACCOUNT;
(II) THE U.S. PROPOSAL TABLED AT THE LAST GOVERNING BOARD MEETING FOR INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE OBJECTIVES; AND OTHER SIMILAR PROPOSALS WHICH MIGHT BE PUT FORWARD.
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THE AGENCY'S EFFORTS AND POLITICAL ATTENTION CONCERNING RELATIONS WITH THE OIL PRODUCERS AND NON-OIL PRODUCING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, TO DATE, HAVE IN THE MAIN BEEN DIRECTED TOWARDS CIEC AND THE ENERGY COMMISSION. WE SHOULD, I BELIEVE, LOOK BEYOND THE CIEC AND CONSIDER IN BROAD POLITICAL TERMS WHERE WE WANT TO BE OVER THE YEARS AHEAD. THUS I WOULD PROPOSE THAT WE FOCUS OUR DISCUSSION ON THE FOLLOWING TWO POINTS:

(I) THE AGNECY'S LONGER-RANGE POLITICAL OBJECTIVES
IN RELATIONS WITH THE OIL PRODUCERS AND NON-OIL PRODUCING
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO OUR ENERGY
POLICY OBJECTIVES INCLUDING PRICE, SECURITY OF SUPPLY
AND CO-OPERATIVE EFFORTS IN DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY SOURCES
AND R&D.

(II) THE DESIRED AND PROBABLE OUTCOME OF THE CIEC
AND HOW THE OUTCOME FITS IN TO THE LONGER-RANGE OBJECTIVES
IDENTIFIED IN (I).

I TRUST YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN WHAT I HOPE
WILL BE AN OPEN, ANIMATED AND USEFUL DISCUSSION.

YOURS SINCERELY, E. DAVIGNON. END TEXT. FIRESTONE

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